

AGN. NO. _____

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The United State Senate and House of Representatives have issued apologies to the Japanese, Hawaiians, and African Americans for past injustices. However, an apology was never given for the discriminatory laws against the Chinese.

The Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 imposed severe restrictions on Chinese immigration and naturalization and denied Chinese-Americans basic freedoms because of their race. It is only fair that the Chinese Americans should be given equal treatment as they too have suffered similar denial of civil rights, persecution, and legitimized racial discrimination as other minority groups that received Congressional apologies.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Officer to draft a 5 signature letter to the members of Congress for an "Apology" Resolution adopted regarding the past legitimized racial discriminations policies and laws.

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